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Status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 45/158 of 18 December 1990, adopted the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, called upon all Member States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention as a matter of priority, and expressed the hope that it would enter into force at an early date. The Convention was opened for signature on 15 March 1991, in accordance with article 86 thereof.

2. In its resolution 1991/60 of 6 March 1991, the Commission on Human Rights welcomed the adoption of the Convention; urged all States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to it as a matter of priority, and expressed the hope that it would enter into force at an early date; encouraged the Secretary-General to assume an active role in disseminating information on, and promoting, the Convention; and requested the Secretary-General to report on the status of the Convention to the Commission at its forty-eighth session.

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3. As at 10 December 1991, the Convention had been signed by two States, Mexico and Morocco. No instruments of ratification or accession to the Convention had been deposited with the Secretary-General by that date.

4. In its resolution 46/114 of 17 December 1991, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report on the status of the Convention to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.